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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshiaki OKUI

Group Art Unit: 2838

Application No.: 10/784,193

Examiner: S. BERHANU

Filed: February 24, 2004

Docket No.: 118827

For: UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY DEVICE WITH CIRCUIT FOR
DEGRADATION JUDGMENT OF STORAGE BATTERY

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A personal interview was conducted between Applicant's representative and Examiner Berhanu on October 16, 2008. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview follows.

During the personal interview, Examiner Berhanu agreed that the claim 2 feature of the timer likely distinguishes over the applied references, but requested citations to support in the specification. Support for the recited timer is at, for example, page 2, lines 20-27 of the specification as filed, which describes that, as shown in Fig. 3C, a timer can determine the charging time t (shown as t_1 and t_2 in Fig. 3C). In operation, the time t is determined from the time the control circuit 3 sets the steady state voltage (page 11, lines 1-3 of the specification as filed). That is, the time t is measured from the time that time T ends (*id.*). Figs. 3B and 3C, in combination, illustrate that time t begins when time T ends. The control circuit sets the output voltage at 382 V in the steady state (page 9, lines 8-10 of the specification as filed). Moreover, a timer finds support in timer 22 (Fig. 8; page 15, lines 19 to page 16, line 1).

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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